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Senate Bill 1164 (as introduced 3-9-00)
Sponsor: Senator Mat J. Dunaskiss
Committee: Human Resources, Labor, Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Employment Security Act to change the date of conversion to a wage record system from December 31, 2001, to October 1, 2000.

BACKGROUND

Public Act 162 of 1994 amended the Michigan Employment Security Act to provide for the conversion from a "wage request system" to a "wage record system". Under the wage request system, the Michigan Employment Security Agency (formerly the Michigan Employment Security Commission) requests wage and separation information from employers each time an employee files an unemployment claim. Employers also are required by Federal law to give the Agency quarterly wage record information on each employee; this information then is used to identify public assistance recipients who are employed.

Several years ago, it was decided that Michigan would convert to a wage record system, which uses wage record information to determine unemployment benefit claims, as well as to check against public assistance records. Public Act 162 of 1994 specified a January 1, 1997, date for the conversion. Public Act 25 of 1995 then extended the deadline to July 1, 1997, and Public Act 90 of 1997 extended the deadline to December 31, 2001.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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